#### MARYLAND STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**



#### **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System has voted to make the following important changes to investment options in the Maryland Optional Retirement Program (ORP). These changes will take effect October 2, 2014.

In addition, for more information on the changes to the ORP, you may contact your institution's Benefits Coordinator. Information regarding the employee-funded, voluntary Supplemental 403(b) Plan will be sent by your institution of higher education under separate cover.

# **TIAA-CREF**

The TIAA-CREF Premier Share Class investments will be replaced by the lower-cost TIAA-CREF Institutional Share Class. Additionally, the BlackRock Inflation Protected Bond Portfolio will also be replaced by a lower-cost share class. The new share class will offer you the same investment strategy and risk, but the overall expenses will be lower.

Any existing assets and any future contributions to the affected investment options will be directed to the new share class of the same funds. Investment strategies for the new share class are identical to those for the current share class. You can change your investment options at any time.

The chart below details the specific fund share class changes:

<b>Current Investment Option</b>	Ticker Symbol	Replacement Investment Option	Ticker Symbol
BlackRock Inflation Protected Bond	BPRIX	BlackRock Inflation Protected Bond	BPLBX
Portfolio - Institutional Class	211111	Portfolio – BlackRock Class	512511
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Retirement	TPILX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Retirement Income	TLRIX
Income Fund - Premier Class		Fund - Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2010 Fund -	TCTPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2010 Fund -	TCTIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2015 Fund -	TCFPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2015 Fund -	TCNIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2020 Fund -	TCWPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2020 Fund -	TCWIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2025 Fund -	TCQPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2025 Fund -	TCYIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2030 Fund -	TCHPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2030 Fund -	TCRIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2035 Fund -	TCYPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2035 Fund -	TCIIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2040 Fund -	TCZPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2040 Fund -	TCOIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2045 Fund -	TTFPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2045 Fund -	TTFIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2050 Fund -	TCLPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2050 Fund -	TFTIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2055 Fund -	TTRPX	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2055 Fund -	TTRIX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	
TIAA-CREF Small-Cap Equity Fund -	TSRPX	TIAA-CREF Small-Cap Equity Fund -	TISEX
Premier Class		Institutional Class	

Two investment choices will be removed from the investment menu and replaced with new options:

Removed Investment Option	Ticker	Replacement Investment Option	Ticker
	Symbol		Symbol
TIAA-CREF Mid-Cap Growth Fund -	TRGPX	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Institutional	VMCIX
Premier Class			
TIAA-CREF Mid-Cap Value Fund -	TRVPX	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Institutional	VMCIX
Premier Class			

Any existing assets and any future contributions to the affected investment options will be directed to the new fund. For more information call TIAA-CREF at 1-800 842-2252.

### **FIDELITY**

The Fidelity Retail Class mutual funds will be replaced by the lower-cost Fidelity Class K mutual funds. Additionally, both the BlackRock Inflation Protected Bond Portfolio and the Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund will also be replaced by a lower-cost share class. The new share class will offer you the same investment strategy and risk, but the overall expenses will be lower.

Any existing assets and any future contributions to the affected investment options will be directed to the new share class of the same funds. Investment strategies for the new share class are identical to those for the current share class. You can change your investment options at any time.

The chart below details the specific fund share class changes:

<b>Current Investment Option</b>	Ticker	Replacement Investment Option	Ticker
	Symbol		Symbol
BlackRock Inflation Protected Bond Fund	BPRIX	BlackRock Inflation Protected Bond Fund	BPLBX
Institutional Shares		BlackRock Class	
Fidelity® Balanced Fund	FBALX	Fidelity® Balanced Fund - Class K	FBAKX
Fidelity® Blue Chip Growth Fund	FBGRX	Fidelity® Blue Chip Growth Fund - Class K	FBGKX
Fidelity® Contrafund	FCNTX	Fidelity® Contrafund® - Class K	FCNKX
Fidelity® Mid-Cap Stock Fund	FMCSX	Fidelity® Mid-Cap Stock Fund - Class K	FKMCX
Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund	MDISX	Franklin Mutual Global Discovery Fund	FMDRX
Class Z		Class R6	
Spartan® 500 Index Fund - Fidelity	FUSVX	Spartan® 500 Index Fund - Institutional	FXSIX
		Class	
Spartan® U.S. Bond Index Fund -	FSITX	Spartan® U.S. Bond Index Fund -	FXSTX
Fidelity		Institutional Class	
Fidelity Freedom® Income Fund	FFFAX	Fidelity Freedom K® Income Fund	FFKAX
Fidelity Freedom® 2005 Fund	FFFVX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2005 Fund	FFKVX
Fidelity Freedom® 2010 Fund	FFFCX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2010 Fund	FFKCX
Fidelity Freedom® 2015 Fund	FFVFX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2015 Fund	FKVFX
Fidelity Freedom® 2020 Fund	FFFDX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2020 Fund	FFKDX
Fidelity Freedom® 2025 Fund	FFTWX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2025 Fund	FKTWX
Fidelity Freedom® 2020 Fund	FFFDX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2020 Fund	FFKDX
Fidelity Freedom® 2025 Fund	FFTWX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2025 Fund	FKTWX
Fidelity Freedom® 2030 Fund	FFFEX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2030 Fund	FFKEX
Fidelity Freedom® 2040 Fund	FFTHX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2040 Fund	FKTHX
Fidelity Freedom® 2045 Fund	FFFGX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2045 Fund	FFKGX
Fidelity Freedom® 2050 Fund	FFFHX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2050 Fund	FFKHX
Fidelity Freedom® 2055 Fund	FDEEX	Fidelity Freedom K® 2055 Fund	FDENX

One investment choice will be removed from the investment menu and replaced with a new option:

Removed Investment Option	Ticker	Replacement Investment Option	Ticker
	Symbol		Symbol
Fidelity® Small Cap Stock Fund	FSLCX	DFA U.S. Small Cap Portfolio -	DFSTX
		Institutional Class	

Any existing assets and any future contributions to the affected investment options will be directed to the new fund. For more information, call Fidelity at 1-800-343-0860.